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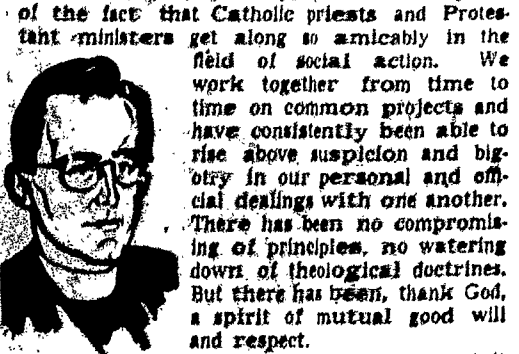
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Dr. Higgins Says: Correct, Mr. Eby?

Correct, Mr. Eby? I, for one, have always been rather proud of the fact that Catholic priests and Protestant ministers get along so amicably in the field of social action.



There has been no compromising of principles, no watering down of theological doctrines. But there has been, thank God, a spirit of mutual good will and respect.

Against this background it comes as something of a shock and a disappointment to discover that one who has always figured very prominently in inter-faith activities in the field of social action is apparently becoming a little sour: Kermit Eby. A Protestant minister, he is presently teaching at the University of Chicago after what he himself refers to as "six exciting years as Director of Research and Education of the CIO."

EBY WAS HIRED by one Catholic — Philip Murray — and worked in close cooperation with a number of others in the CIO; and so far as anyone could determine, he found the relationship to be reasonably fruitful and pleasant.

All of a sudden, for some reason or other, Eby seems to have become strangely suspicious of Catholics who are working in the field of social action — the very field in which he used to go out of his way to solicit, if not to insist upon, their cooperation.

The January issue of Fortune quotes him as saying that "there are two extreme poles of power attraction in the CIO: the Communist pole and the ACTU (Association of Catholic Trade Unionists). Both receive their impetus and inspiration from without the CIO."

AGAIN, IN THE February issue of the American School Board Journal, in a reprint of a speech delivered to a group of teachers we find him repeating the identical theme: "... those individuals and groups who are interested in power for revolutionary ends gravitate to the labor movement, and seek to control it."

ADD TO these two references the fact that Mr. Eby is said to be developing the same theme — with even more sinister and more unfriendly overtones — in his classes at the University of Chicago, and you are forced to conclude that something has happened to him since the good old days when, for example, I heard him address a splendid gathering of Protestant ministers and urge them to encourage qualified Protestants to look around for positions of influence (in the good sense of the word, of course) within the American labor movement.

I'm sorry about the change which has come over him, and I can only hope that my fellow-Catholics and his fellow-Protestants will refuse to be thrown off balance by his recent speeches and articles. There's constructive work to be done by all of us, and we simply can't afford to be distracted by prejudice and suspicion.

KERMIT EBY has a perfect right to disagree with his Catholic colleagues in the field of social action whenever he feels it necessary to do so, but wouldn't it be better if he were to choose his audiences with a little more discrimination, and if he were to make his allegations sound a little less sinister?

There are so many things that he could have told a group of teachers, for example, without indulging in capricious criticism of the members of another Faith. He might have told them: "If I may become specific for a moment — that they ought to join a union. The NEA is opposed to teachers' unions. It is also opposed to giving a penny of federal aid to the students of parochial schools, and so is Eby, I suspect. Be that as it may, however, he certainly isn't opposed to teachers' unions. That I know."

Telling teachers to join a union would do them a lot more good — and the labor movement, too — than unpleasant little references to the sinister designs of the Catholic Church.

Adopted Three

There is a garden in my heart I tended with great care; Altho I waited patiently, no flower blossomed there.

So in my loneliness I cried, "Lord, surely there must be Some unweared blossoms somewhere that I can tend for Thee."

And God in His great sympathy found three flowers just for me: Transplanted them with tender care. Now they're lovely, tall and fair.

I thank You for Your kindness, Lord; my garden is complete. Please, Lord, give me the grace some day to lay them at Your feet. Look up into Your Face and say, with deep humility, "I bring You back Your flowers, Lord; I've tended them for Thee."

Pope Spurns All Compromise With Forces of Tyranny

The text of the Holy Father's public address at the Roman mass-meeting staged Feb. 20 in the plaza of St. Peter's protesting the conviction of Cardinal Mindszenty:

Romans, beloved sons and daughters: Once again, in a grave and grievous hour, the faithful people of the Eternal City has hastened to its bishop and father. Once again, this superb colonnade seems barely able to grasp with its gigantic arms the multitude that, like waves moved by an irresistible force, are washed up to the threshold of the Vatican basilica to attend the Mass of

of that inglorious school. They copy, so to speak, their masters and models, and even surpass them in cruelty, skillful as they are in the art of employing the most recent advances of science and technique to the end of a domination and an enslavement of the people such as would have been inconceivable in past times.

Romans, the Church of Christ follows the path marked out by the Divine Redeemer. She knows herself eternal; she knows that she cannot perish, that the most violent torments will not avail to submerge her; she does not beg favors. The threats and the

watch over the legitimate rights and the just liberty of the people; a church that, with inconceivable severity, remains a church only within the four walls of the temple, forgetting the divine mandate received from Christ: Go ye into the crossroad, (Math. xxii, 9) and teach the people (Math. xviii 19).

Beloved sons and daughters, spiritual heirs of the innumerable legions of confessors and martyrs: Is this perhaps the church you love and venerate? (A great shout from the crowd: "No.")

DO YOU RECOGNIZE, perhaps, in such a church the



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expiation in the central point of the whole Catholic world, and to pour out the sentiments with which their souls overflow.

THE SENTENCE imposed — amidst the unanimous condemnation of the civilized world, on the banks of the Danube, on an eminent Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church who has stirred on the banks of the Tiber a cry of indignation worthy of the Eternal City.

But the fact that a regime adverse to religion has this time smitten a prince of the church venerated by the overwhelming majority of his people is not an isolated case.

It is one of the links of the long chain of persecutions which some dictatorial states are pursuing against Christian doctrine and life.

A common characteristic of the persecutors of all times is that, put content with crushing their victims physically, they seek further to render them despicable and hateful to the fatherland and to society.

Who does not remember the Roman martyrs of whom Laurentius speaks, sacrificed under Nero and depicted as incendiaries, abominable evildoers, enemies of the human kind?

THE MODERN persecutors show themselves docile pupils

injuries of terrestrial powers do not intimidate her. She does not meddle in problems purely political and economic, nor does she deign to pass judgment upon the usefulness or the harm of one form of government or another.

Her supreme promise always eager in so far as enjoying peace with all depends upon her, she has in 1871 She gives to Caesar that which is rightfully Caesar's but cannot betray or abandon that which is God's.

NOW IT IS WELL KNOWN that the totalitarian and anti-religious state demands and exacts of her as the price of its tolerance and problematical recognition.

It would be a church that when it should speak a church that should firm the light of God adapting it to the desires of human wills when she should loudly proclaim and defend a church that detaches herself from the firm foundation on which Christ has raised her to set herself down on the shifting sand of opinions of the day, and abandon herself to the current of opinion of the moment.

It would be a church that does not resist oppression of the conscience and does not

lineaments of the face of your mother? (Another shout from the crowd: "No.")

Can you imagine a successor to St. Peter who would bow to such demands? (Another shout of "No.")

The Pope, by divine promise, is, even in his human weakness, inviolable and unshakable, a herald of truth and justice, and the unity of the church. His voice denounces errors, idolatries, superstitions, condemns iniquity, makes charity and virtue to be loved.

Can he then be silent when in a nation there are born from the center of Christianity in Rome with violence and cunning the churches which are united to her when there are imprisoned all the Greek-Catholic Bishops because they refused to apostatize their faith, when the clergy and the faithful are persecuted and arrested because they refuse to be separated from their true mother church? (The crowd again cried: "No.")

CAN THE POPE be silent when the light of educating the very children is taken from the parents by a minority regime, that would like to separate them from Christ?

Can the Pope be silent when the state extending the limits of its competence arrogates to itself the power of suppressing dioceses, of deposing bishops, of upsetting the ecclesiastical organization and reducing the minimum requirements for efficacious care of souls?

Can the Pope be silent when the point reached of punishing with imprisonment a priest guilty of not being willing to violate the most inviolable and sacred secrets, the secret of sacramental confession?

IS ALL THIS perhaps an illegitimate interference with the political powers of the state? Who could honestly say so? The crowd applauded at length.

Your exclamations have already given an answer to these and many other questions. May God, our Lord, reward you for your faith, beloved sons and daughters. May He give you the strength for present and future struggles. May He make you vigilant against the blows of His and your enemies.

May He brighten with his light the mind of those whose eyes are still closed to the truth. May He concede to the many hearts still far from Him, the gift of sincere return to that Faith and brotherly sentiments, whose denial threatens the peace of humanity.

And now let our Apostolic Benediction, wide, paternal and affectionate, descend upon the city and the world.

The Bishop's Appointments

MARCH

- 2 Ash Wednesday—Lenten Mass in Chapel of the Diocesan Building—8:30 A. M. (This Lenten Mass will be celebrated daily at 8:30 A. M.)
3 Thursday—St. Salome's, Point Pleasant — Confirmation—7:30 P. M.
4 Friday—St. Patrick's — Mass for the St. Monica Society—9:00 A. M. St. Francis Xavier — Novena of Grace — 7:45 P. M. (Novena of Grace, March 1-12)
5 Saturday—St. Francis Xavier — Novena of Grace—7:45 P. M.
6 Sunday—St. Joseph's, Annual Mass for the Catholic War Veterans—9:00 A. M. St. Francis Xavier—Novena of Grace—7:45 P. M.
12 Saturday—St. Francis Xavier — Low Mass closing Novena of Grace — 8:30 A. M.
13 Sunday — St. Joseph's — Annual Mass for Knights of Columbus—7:30 A. M. Station WHAM—Radio Address—12:10 P. M. St. Lucy's—Confirmation—3:00 P. M. St. John the Evangelist — Confirmation — 4:00 P. M.
14 St. Stanislaus—Confirmation—7:30 P. M.
15 Tuesday—St. Mary's Hospital—Nurses' Capping Ceremony — 4:00 P. M. Holy Family—Confirmation—7:30 P. M.
16 Wednesday—Holy Apostles—Confirmation— 7:30 P. M.
17 Thursday — St. Patrick's, Solemn Pontifical Mass, Patronal Feast — 10:00 A. M. Powers Hotel, Knights of Equity Banquet — 8:30 P. M.
18 Saturday — Nazareth Motherhouse, Solemn Pontifical Mass, Patronal Feast—11:00 A. M.
20 Sunday—Holy Cross, Low Mass and Blessing of New Organ — 9:00 A. M. St. Jerome's, East Rochester — Confirmation — 2:00 P. M. St. Louis, Pittsford — Confirmation — 3:30 P. M.
21 Monday—St. John's, Greece — Confirmation — 7:30 P. M.
22 Tuesday—St. Helen's, Gates — Confirmation — 7:30 P. M.
23 Friday—Good Counsel College, White Plains — Religious Reception and Profession — 9:00 A. M.
27 Sunday—Elmira, Annual Mass and Affiliation Ceremony of the Ladies of Charity, St. John's, Elmira — Confirmation — 2:00 P. M. St. Casimir's, Elmira — Confirmation — 3:30 P. M.
28 Monday — St. Mary of the Lake, Ontario — Confirmation — 7:30 P. M.
29 Tuesday—St. Theresa—Confirmation — 7:30 P. M.
31 Thursday—Nazareth College, Glee Club Concert — 8:15 P. M.

Calendar of Saints

Sunday, February 21 — St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Virgin, Confessor. A Passionist Brother who died at the age of 24 in 1862. His life was an example of humility and self-denial. He was devoted deeply to Our Lord's passion. He was canonized by Pope Benedict XV in 1920.
Monday, February 22 — St. Marcarius and Companions, Martyrs. His companions were Sts. Rufinus Justus and Theopompus. According to one account, they were put to death for the Faith in Rome about 250 in the persecution under Decius.
Tuesday, March 1 — St. Leo and Companions, Martyrs. There were 13 in all in the group, but the date of their martyrdom is unknown. It is believed they gave their lives for the Faith in the earliest days of Christianity in Africa.
Wednesday, March 2 — Ash Wednesday. Also the Feast of St. Simplicius, Pope. He became Pope in 468 and reigned until his death in 483. He resisted three successive Emperors of Constantinople, who leaned toward the Eutychian heresy.
Thursday, March 3 — St. Leo and Companions, Martyrs. St. Martinus secretly a Christian, was a soldier who was denounced by a rival and tempted. He refused and was beheaded. St. Asterius a Roman Senator who witnessed the martyrdom, took away the body and gave it a decent burial.
Friday, March 4 — St. Casimir of Poland, King, Confessor. Many miracles were attributed to him after his death and in 1552 when his tomb was opened, his body was found to be incorrupt. He was canonized by Pope Leo X. He is the patron saint of Poland and Lithuania.
Saturday, March 5 — St. Phocas, Martyr. He was put to death for the Faith in Antioch about 320 by being suffocated in a bath.

Do You Remember?

25 Years Ago—Feb. 22, 1924 The Rev. John P. Brophy, pastor of St. Monica's Church and the Rev. John H. O'Brien, pastor of St. Augustine's Church sailed from New York on the Tuscania for a European tour.
Ram for the state of Oregon if the Oregon Klan School Law were to be enacted was predicted editorially by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.
10 Years Ago—Feb. 23, 1939 A discourse given by His Holiness, Pope Pius XI at an audience given a group of pilgrims headed by the Rev. Gerald C. Lambert of Rochester was recalled here as the world mourned the death of the great Pontiff.

With forces such as Communism threatening the church, unless those who believe in religion leap to its defense, religion and freedom will be at stake, the Rev. Bartholome L. Quirk told members of the Geneva Rotary Club.

3 Years Ago—Feb. 24, 1946 Smashing all previous records in converted drives, Catholic school pupils turned in \$465,746 in the Fourth War Loan Campaign.

How he administered to two other chaplains, the Rev. Neil J. Doyle and the Rev. Thomas Brady, who fell on the field of battle in the Pacific fighting, was told the Rev. Elmer Heindl who in a letter home wrote: "Providentially, I seem to be the Chaplains' Chaplain, just by accident."

Vision Of Suffering

Christ did not go up to Jerusalem unprepared for what was to happen to him. He saw clearly what the future days held for him. He knew He was to be seized by the Gentiles, to be mocked, scourged, put to death. He knew also He was to rise from the dead. All these things He spoke to His Apostles, showed how through His suffering and resurrection the prophecies concerning the Son of Man were to be fulfilled. But His Apostles did not understand the vision of suffering He put before them.

Christ's Vicar on earth sees today the vision of suffering facing the Church in many parts of the world. What is past is only a shadow of what is to come. But the Holy Father speaks boldly and bravely to the 300,000 who assemble to hear him denounce the persecutors of Cardinal Mindszenty, the destroyers of religious liberty in Hungary. He knows the desire of these millions of Satan to destroy the Church; but confidently He speaks the truth that no earthly malice, even when backed up by seemingly unlimited might, can ever destroy the Church of Christ. Denouncing the lying hatred of the Cardinal's enemies, Pope Pius speaks majestic words of praise of the faithful and devoted spirit of this modern martyr.

Christ gave sight to the blind man who prayed to Him to bring the journey to Jerusalem. May we pray that we have sight to the misguided and blinded dupes of the forces who would bring suffering and death to the Church of Christ. May we pray that they may be brought to the light of Faith!

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Little-Known Facts for Catholics

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